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SUBJECT: DEATH OF FORMER HIGH COMMISSIONER JAMES P.
LAMPERT

1. ALL FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES OF FORMER HIGH COMMISSIONER
OF THE RYUKYU ISLANDS LTG JAMES B. LAMPERT WILL BE DIS-
TRESSED TO LEARN THAT HE DIED AT WALTER REED HOSPITAL
EVENING OF JULY 9. HE WAS 64.

2. LTG LAMPERT SERVED AS HIGH COMMISSIONER FROM 1969 UN-
TIL REVERSION IN MAY, 1972. HE FILLED THAT OFFICE AT A
CRUCIAL TIME FOR US-JAPAN RELATIONS AND FOR THE FUTURE OF
OKINAWA. ALL OF THOSE WHO WERE PRIVILEGED TO KNOW HIM
WILL REMEMBER LTG LAMPERT'S DEEP COMMITMENT TO FIRM US-
JAPAN FRIENDSHIP AND HIS SYMPATHETIC CONCERN FOR THE
FUTURE AND WELL BEING OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE AND ITS
CITIZENS. LTG LAMPERT'S OTHER HALLMARKS WERE AN UN-
SHAKEABLE INTEGRITY, DECISIVENESS BUT MOST OF ALL HIS
WARMTH AND KINDNESS TO ALL OF HIS ASSOCIATES, JAPANESE
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AND AMERICAN. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW
HIM. THE DEPARTMENT'S DEEPEST SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO HIS
WIFE AND FAMILY.

3. FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE THURSDAY, JULY 13 AT USMA,
WEST POINT, NEW YORK. CONDOLENCE MESSAGES MAY BE SENT TO:
CHAPLAIN, UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT,

NEW YORK 10996.

MRS. LAMPERT'S ADDRESS IS: MRS. JAMES B. LAMPERT, 60 OAK
ROAD, CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS, 01742

4. REQUEST EMBASSY TOKYO AND CONGEN NAHA INFORM LOCAL
FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES OF ABOVE . VANCE

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